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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subj: Proposed "Family" of National Intelligence Products (C)

Ref: (a) USIB-D-71/1 of 24 Oct 73

1. (C) I have reviewed reference (a) and am generally pleased with the concepts embodied therein. The new organization and family of products for crisis or tension situation evaluation should fill a void which has been neglected too long, particularly if it can stimulate feedback and encourage a dialogue between policy makers and the intelligence community and if it can drive our analysts to produce assessments rather than mere compilations of available information and expositions on possibilities. I am particularly pleased with the emphasis on coordination in the non-crisis family of products. As you probably know, I have taken umbrage on several occasions over OSR-originated articles which appeared in the daily Central Intelligence Bulletin, usually because I believed that they addressed naval subjects in a simplistic way that could be misleading to at least part of the wide audience reached by the CIB's. I believe that this problem will be completely eliminated in the proposed National Intelligence Daily by the opportunity to participate in the coordination process.

2. (C) There is one aspect of the "crisis imminent" organization which I believe should be clarified: it appears that there may not have been consideration of including the services in direct consultation until or unless the SNIE stage is reached. It would be of considerable value to have the services tied into the NOIWON and NOIAN nets and for them to have individual voices in the National Watch Officer Bulletins and the National Analysts Summaries. Such participation seems particularly desirable in view of the recent community assessments on the Arab-

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Israeli situation in which the quest for consensus may have contributed to military indications of imminent hostilities being overshadowed by political indications. I trust that this will be clarified in the forthcoming discussion at USIB.

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